New Revelation of Jonestown Deaths Shocks Remnant of Peoples Temple

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24 (UPI)—The faithful remnant of the peoples Temple reeled under a new blow today as word came that hundreds more of their families and friends had been found dead in Guyana.

"I don't know what to say. It's a shock. It's terrible," said June Crym, one of dozens of—persons secluded—in the temple headquarters in fear of violence from people who lost relatives in the Guyana tragedy.

Crym, when told that many missing members of the Jonesville colony were now known to be dead, said she could only hope that this would dispel "rumors that there is a hit squad or plot" by surviving temple members to harm anyone.

The news of more bodies found at Jonesville stunned the temple faithful.

"We always hoped. You know, if you have children or loved ones and you haven't heard, you think there is always a chance they will come out of the jungle as others have," Crym said.

Crym said that while she did not have any relatives at Guyana, most of the people in the temple did, and that some have been waiting anxiously in the hope that their loved ones had somehow avoided the terrible death ritual.

If all are now accounted for, she said, it will end the anxiety, but also the hope.

"But we are still alarmed and distrubed by the rumors being thrown out on no basis whatsoever," she said. "People have been whipped up to such a frenzy by the reports of hit squads in the Temple."

She said some enemies of the Rev. Jim Jones who had let their feelings spill out could incite "crazies" to attack the Temple.

"The police have been very cooperative. They are protecting us. We have no way of knowing" whether the Temple and its faithful might be actually be attacked, she said. "But over the past week we have received many death threats."

"We thought we should gather together here for safety," she said. "We are now a small number."

Crym said she does not know how many persons are still in the People Temple congregation, which numbered 3,000 a few weeks ago. No Thanksgiving Day services were held. The faithful few in the temple had a quiet dinner by themselves.

Othe churches have offered assistance, Crym said, and the local Council of Churches has asked the temple members if any help is needed.

"People have been calling expressing sympathy and understanding," she said. "We are encouraged about this and we are determined this is not going to end the Temple."

Nepalese Jet Crashes

KATMANDU, Nepal, Nov. 24 (UPI)—A Royal Nepal Airlines jet chartered by the British Army crashed today at Katmandu International Airport, but none of the 40 persons aboard was killed or injured. The Boeing 727 carrying 33 soldiers and a crew of seven developed trouble shortly after takeoff for Hong Kong.